GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:923
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WATER SCARCITY IN FACT PLANT
GEORGE EDEN

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin Division of FACT is facing water scarcity in its plants;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to overcome the scarcity of water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Water is supplied to Fertilizer And Chemicals Travancore Limited(FACT) from Bhoothathankettu barrage of Periyar Valley Irrigation Project through open canals. Since October, 2000, FACT has not beenreceiving adequate water supply mainly because of poor North West monsoon, deteriorating condition of canals and heavy leakage of shutters at Bhoothathankettu barrage.

(c) Subsequent to the permission of Government of Kerala to FACT forundertaking suitable measures to reduce the leakage of shutters at Bhoothathankettu, FACT has started the jobs of rectification to the leaky shutters.